

Lesson Three

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Recap

1. These Hadith make us think about our relationship with this world – reveal our materialism/attachment to this world.
2. At some point, we must make a decision about what our priority in life should be. What is the best way for me to use my time in?
3. We can be deluded in many ways, even if we are involved in Deeni efforts.

Hadith 1

The Prophet (saw) asked more or less “Who is willing to take these words from me, but with the condition that he acts upon them or teaches them to someone who will act upon them.” The Prophet then mentioned five things (in bold below)

“Avoid/abstain/be extremely cautious of haram things*. If you do that then you will become the greatest worshiper among the people”

[1] *Includes staying from those things are forbidden and fulfilling the obligatory.

[2] Be wary of doing Nafil and avoiding the Fard (i.e. Umrah over Hajj)

[3] Do not miss out the fundamentals and carry out the virtues (i.e. one who has a lot of Qadha Salahs – not worried about these but is concerned with performing Nafil Salah).

“Be satisfied with what Allah has apportioned/decreed for you. You will be the most independent and enriched of people.”

[1] The most satisfied person is the one who is satisfied with what Allah (swt) has given him – don’t look at what others have.

“Be excellent/nice/beautiful with your neighbor and you will be a believer.”

[1] Will lead to perfection in your belief – you will be a complete believer.

[2] You will be giving safety – you will be such a person other people are safe from.

“Love for people what you love for yourself. Then you will be a Muslim.”

“Do not laugh abundantly because an abundance of laughter kills the heart. Because with a lot of laughter it makes you heedless, makes you lose focus.”

[1] Laughing and joking once a while is okay.

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Hadith 2

The Prophet (saw) relates from Allah (swt) “Oh son of Adam, give time/free yourself for My worship, and I will enrich your heart/fill your chest with richness and I will prevent your poverty. If you do not do this, I will fill your hands with busyness (activities) and I will not prevent poverty from coming.”

[1] Make worship an enjoyment – take time out to enjoy worship.

[2] Be careful of getting involved with the Haram – you will lose out in the end

Other narrations:

“Oh son of Adam, free yourself for My worship, I will fill your heart with richness and I will fill your hands with sustenance. Oh, My servant, do not go far from Me, if you do, I will fill your heart with poverty and I will occupy your body with mundane acts”

“Whoever cuts himself/frees himself for Allah (swt), Allah will suffice him for all of his difficulties and his sustenance from where he could not even think. And whoever cuts himself for the Dunya, then Allah will leave him to the Dunya.”

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Hadith 3

Two people were praised in front of the Prophet (saw) – one does so much worship and exerts himself in worship and the other was pious (maybe doesn't do as much worship) and fearful, abstaining from doubtful matters.

The Prophet (saw) said more or less, "Nothing equates with this kind of pious approach."

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Hadith 4

The Prophet (saw) said more or less "Take advantage/seize five things before five other things. Youth before old age. Health before sickness. Wealth before poverty. Free time before being occupied. Life before death."

[1] If you can't worship Allah (swt) when you are young and have free time, what kind of worship will you have when you are older?

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Hadith 5

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Every one of you is not waiting except for that richness that will make you tyrannical and mischievous, or poverty that will make you forgetful/negligent, or sickness that will make you weak/corrupt your body, or old age that will make you senile, or sudden death, or is it that you are waiting for Dajjal, then remember that Dajjal is the worst of the unseen matters that is being anticipated, or is it the Last Hour, and remember that the Last Hour is extremely painful and the most bitterest of them all.”

[1] Point: When are you going to worship your Lord?

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Hadith 6

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “Know that the Dunya is accursed, except the remembrance of Allah and anything that is close to the remembrance of Allah – all good acts that you do to get closer to Allah, or the Alim and the one who studies.”

[1] The Dunya takes us away from the love of Allah.

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Hadith 7

The Prophet (saw) said more or less “If this Dunya was valued by Allah even as much as the wing of a mosquito, He would not then give a disbeliever even a drop to drink or a single drink.”

[1] This world is nothing.

[2] Do not extend your gaze to what others have – that is not proof of anything.

[3] The Hereafter is better than this world.

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Hadith 8

Prophet (saw) said more or less “Whoever loves the world, it will definitely harm his afterlife. Whoever loves the afterlife, then their Dunya will have to be harmed. Give preference to that which will remain forever over that which will perish soon.”

[1] Story of Abdur Rahman ibn Awf (ra)

[2] Another Hadith, the Prophet (saw) said “The person who is the most hungry in this Dunya will be the most satiated in the hereafter.’

[3] Imam Ghazali- the minimum amount of knowledge, Imaan, or intellect will tell you that this world will end and the afterlife will remain forever

[4] Focus on what will remain over that which will not remain.

[5] Sign that you have understood – you start preparing for your death before the time comes.

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